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Bethware Fair

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NEWS BRIEFS

TO RALLY

Local Methodist will go to Brackett's Cedar Park Thursday for a Lally Rally beginning at 6:15 p.m. and featuring an address by Dr. Gene Little, superintendent of the Statesville District.

COOK REGISTRAR

Mrs. Becky Cook, 717 Meadowbrook Rd., 739-3950, is registrar for West Kings Mountain voters, not Mrs. Gordon Myers. Mrs. Myers is the Republican judge in that precinct. Registrar for East Kings Mountain voters is Mrs. Margaret White, Grover Rd., Ph. 739-4019.

HULLENDER REUNION

The second annual Hullender-Burton-Falls annual reunion will be held Sun., Sept. 16th, at Shelter No. Two at the Picnic Area at Lake Crawford. Picnic lunch will be spread at 1 p.m.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Mary Jane McLeymore, William Keith Falls, Deborah A. Hullender, and Willie Mae Robbins are listed on the Dean's List for the summer quarter at Gaston College. Miss McLeymore was recognized for outstanding scholarship as a member of the President's Honor List.

BOOSTERS CLUB

The Mountaineer Boosters Club will meet Monday at 8 p.m. at Barnes Auditorium. After the meeting, films of the Kings Mountain-Ashbrook game will be shown.

SCHOOL BENEFIT

KMSHS Junior students are currently conducting the annual sale of magazines, records, tapes, cassettes and books to earn funds for a junior-senior prom. The benefit is slated Sept. 13-24.

FREE CLINIC

Kings Mountain Lions Club will sponsor a free glaucoma clinic Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. W.K. Mauney, Jr. is chairman of the clinic which is aimed at citizens age 35 and older. The check-up requires about one and one-half minutes and Health Department officials will conduct the clinic.

GOSPEL SING

Holiness Christian Mission at 215 Blanton St. will sponsor a gospel sing Saturday night at 7 p.m. Featured group will be "Jane and the Starlighters" of Channel 16, Greenville, S.C. The community is invited to attend.

VICTORY TRAIL MEETING

There will be a public meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain National Military Park to gather information for the National Park Service's proposed study of the Overmountain Victory Trail which runs between Sycamore Shoals, Tenn. and Kings Mountain.

All interested persons are urged to attend.

New Deadline For Classifieds

Deadline for classified advertisements to be received in The Herald is 5 p.m. Tuesday. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Office hours on Wednesday are 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Herald offices are closed on Saturday.

Tri-Fleet Bus System Helps

KM Schools Fighting Gas Crunch

By GARY STEWART
Co-Editor

With their fuel allocation cut by 20 percent, Kings Mountain schools could feel an energy pinch by the end of the 1979-80 term.

Members of the board of education got that disappointing news at their monthly meeting Monday night by Larry Allen, director of federal programs.

Allen pointed out that some steps are being taken to use less gasoline, but "by the end of the year we'll have to make some big adjustments to have enough gas to finish the year."

Allen noted that the schools initiated a tri-fleet bussing system this fall and thus far it has reduced gasoline usage. As of September 5, busses used 535.6 gallons compared

to 543.7 at the same time last year, when a dual-fleet system was used.

This year, Central School has its own fleet and those students do not have to make trips to the junior and senior highs. Allen said the practice not only has cut mileage but decreased disciplinary problems.

"We're doing all we can to shorten trips," says Allen. "We realize we're going to make some people unhappy, but we're abiding by the state rule of pin-pointing our stopping points at least two-tenths of a mile apart. Few stops will save gas."

"In some cases in the past we've sent busses down dead end roads which measured only two or three tenths of a mile," he added. "Now students on such roads must meet the bus at the end of the road. Two or three-tenths of a mile doesn't seem

like much but over a period of a year it adds up."

Allen said special activities like athletics shouldn't be affected, since transportation to those events come from another fund.

"We're being encouraged to cut back and save as much as possible in that area," Allen said, "but we don't see any elimination of them."

Asked what would happen if the current gas allocation runs out around March or April, Allen said, "If we don't get the state legislature to allocate additional gas, we'll just have to stop the busses. But we hope we can make some adjustments in the routing and conserve enough to get us through the year."

In other business Monday, the board:

— Heard a report on the opening of

school from Superintendent Bill Davis. Davis called the opening "smooth" with a minimum of problems.

Davis called the school system, with 502 employees, "one of the top two or three largest businesses in the school district. It makes you feel quite responsible," he said. "In addition to 502 employees, we have almost 4,300 students and about that many homes and families affected, so we want to do as good a job as we can."

Davis reported total enrollment as 4,284 compared to 4,323 last year. Enrollments at Bethware, Grover, West and the junior high are up and East, North, Central and the senior high down.

The biggest difference in enrollment is at the senior high, where Monday's figure was 868

compared to 925 a year ago.

Davis said there's a possibility some of the students who failed the competency test last year decided not to return to school.

"I hope that's not the case," he said, "but I'm afraid some of them may have become discouraged and dropped out. I plan to check that out."

Davis said Kings Mountain's enrollment is running ahead of the figures projected in the state survey. The state had projected 4,097 students for this year, 4,022 next year, 3,928 in 1981-82 and 3,876 in 1982-83.

"If the state projection holds true, we'll probably be closing out some classrooms and losing some teachers," Davis said. "But I don't think that will happen."

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KM Board Approves 201 Plan

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Co-Editor

City commissioners Monday night unanimously approved the Gaston County Complex Area 201 wastewater facilities plan, a long-range, mammoth two-volume study, which among other things, spells out the city's handling of domestic waste water from the neighboring town of Grover.

Waste from Grover will be "strictly residential" with fees, for which negotiations have been underway by both towns for several months, yet to be determined.

Replying to question by District 1 Comm. Jim Childers, Mayor John

Moss said that the city board will "ultimately" set the fees schedule after "cost effective" and "cost recovery" alternatives are established.

"Many things go into the fee," said the mayor, as users must share the necessary cost to construct and operate the facility.

Two separate waste treatment plants are recommended under the plan, said the mayor, including the expansion of the existing Pilot Creek plant to accept the domestic waste from Grover and another plant to replace the present McGill facility.

Displaying the large two-volume study, contained in two books, the Mayor pointed out that the study "covers a great period of work, a

review, study and proposal of Kings Mountain's waste water sewer plans covering the next decade and half."

"If you envision a map covering Eastern Cleveland County from a line east of Buffalo Creek encompassing all of Gaston County to the Catawba River including such areas as Belmont, Bessemer City, Gastonia, Cramerton, Dallas, Grover, Lowell, Mount Holly, Randle, Spencer Mountain, Stanley, etc. you'll have an idea of this plan's scope," he said, and adding, "they've projected our needs for the entire area for many years to come."

"Implementation of this plan is the next step," said Walter Ollis,

section superintendent for the city, who also recognized Don Dilling, superintendent of the Pilot and McGill Creek plants.

Elaborating on the study, Mayor Moss explained that Public Law 95-250, which covers the 201 study, deals with the "cost efficiency" and "cost recovery" factors that go into setting fees for services.

Responding to question by Comm. Childers if additional funds will be obtained for equipment at Pilot Creek, the Mayor said that "input from various agencies will also be utilized" and that ultimately there will be shifts in technology to handle demands. "As we enter the late 80's and early 1990's, we will see a higher degree of sophistication in the treatment of waste water," he said, noting that funding from the federal government will be available on a 75 percent basis along with 12½ percent from the state.

In a related motion, the board authorized the city to file application with the Local Government Commission for approval of issuance of \$40,000 in general obligation bonds to build a sludge treatment facility at T.J. Ellison Treatment Plant as required by the state and federal governments.



EAGLE SCOUT—Mark O'Brien Brooks, center, is flanked by his parents, Burma O'Brien Brooks of Gastonia and Kay Carswell Brooks of Kings Mountain after receiving the Eagle Scout Award in ceremonies Monday at St. Mathew's Lutheran Church. Mark is a member of Troop 91. Photo by Ronnie Hawkins

Mark Brooks Eagle Scout

Mark O'Brien Brooks, 15 year old son of Mrs. Kay Carswell Brooks of 914 Brookwood Dr., Kings Mountain and Burma O'Brien Brooks of Gastonia, has achieved the Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in scouting.

A member of Troop 91 of St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Brooks was given the award by his father. His mother, Scoutmaster Tommy King and Rev. Harwood Smith, pastor of St. Mathew's, also participated in the ceremony held Monday night at St. Mathew's.

A sophomore at Kings Mountain High School, Mark has received academic recognition for the highest academic average in science, and academic excellence in French and English. He won the Student of the Year Award in the sixth grade. He served as library assistant at Central

School and was a member of the safety patrol when a student at East School.

Mark has won two DAR awards for good citizenship and excellence in history. In March of this year he was selected to represent Kings Mountain Junior High School in the Algebra I division of the annual Wingate College Mathematics Contest.

At KMHS, Mark is a member of the band, track team and is a

sophomore class representative.

Among his other scouting awards were election to the Order of the Arrow and World Conservation Award. He is now a member of the Explorer Scouts.

Other scouts receiving awards were: Joe Smith, Robert Bradshaw, Hamilton McGill, Brent Herndon, Rocky Lutz, Gerald Gladden, Steve Fain, Tim Farris, John Lineberry and Jody Sellers.

Cleveland County Fair Tickets On Sale

Advance sale general admission and ride tickets to the Cleveland County Fair may be purchased at reduced prices at KM Savings & Loan Association, West Mountain St. General admission tickets, priced at

\$2 each, are on sale at \$1.50. Universal ride tickets, a \$3 value, are priced at \$2. Special discount prices are in effect through Sept. 27. The Fair opens Sept. 28 and continues through Oct. 6.

Bethware Fair Is Underway

The weatherman was smiling yesterday on opening of the 32nd annual Bethware Community Fair. Perfect Fair weather greeted the exhibitors who were flocking to the Exhibit Halls with entries of homemade and agricultural products.

Judging of exhibits will take place today (Children's Day) and cash prizes will go to winners. Reduced-price midway rides are also available to kiddies today, until 6 p.m., and the Midway is full of rides and concession stands.

The Fair opens at 1 p.m. Thursday, at 3 p.m. Friday and at 1 p.m. Saturday, closing at midnight on Saturday. There is no admission charge to the grounds of Bethware School, site of the larger-than-ever community event which is sponsored by Bethware Progressive Club.

Ann Grant is Queen of the 1979 Fair and Charles Scism is president of the sponsoring organization.

Grover Board Holds Meeting

By KATRENA McCALL
Staff Writer

Grover City Council met Monday at 7 p.m. with the mayor and all commissioners present.

First on the agenda was the introduction of Steve Walker, the new Grover Chief of Police, to the council by Commissioner Martha Byers.

Following the introduction, Mayor McCarter gave his administrative report. He reported having talked with Les Hall who stated that the 201 study will be presented to the state by 9:15 on Sept. 15 and that Kings Mountain has not passed a resolution concerning their intent to treat Grover's sewage. (Resolution by the city board was passed Monday night).

The mayor also accepted the resignation of Dot McDaniel from the Grover Board of Elections and appointed Ethel Crocker to fill the vacancy.

A resolution was passed to hold Grover municipal elections to elect a mayor and five commissioners on Nov. 6. Filing dates will be from Sept. 14 beginning at 12 noon to 12 noon Oct. 5. Registration books will close Oct. 8. Filing fees for all candidates will be \$5.

The mayor also reported that he and Steve Walker attended a Region

C meeting in McDowell County on Aug. 30 at which Walker was appointed to the Region C advisory committee.

Leary White, Chairman of the Grover Action Committee, presented recommendations for the construction of a new town hall. He asked the council to consider using the present building as an administrative building and extending the No. 1 plan to 78' feet, which would involve converting the present kitchen into two committee rooms and constructing a new kitchen. He also asked the council to consider locations for the new construction. Commissioner Harold Herndon proposed that an architect be consulted to obtain estimates of the cost of the proposed structure and Mayor McCarter appointed a committee to study the situation and report to the board at the next meeting.

Thomas Keeter reported that the water sample sent to the N.C. Dept. of Human Resources from Grover was found to be acceptable.

Street Commissioner Harold Herndon told the council that construction on the sidewalks from Briarcliff Dr. to Carolina Ave. and from the intersection of Cleveland Ave. at the First Baptist Church down Carolina Ave. to Walnut St.

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